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Microsoft penalties

Thanks a lot for giving a convicted monopolist pretty much everything they wanted after you already won the case. If the Justice Department really thinks it's imposed penalties that will stop Microsoft's monopolistic behavior, then it needs to hire some people that are more in the know with the technology industry. If the Justice Department wanted to protect Microsoft, since it's such an "innovator", they should know better than to take advice from the marketing department of the company they're prosecuting. I'm very dissapointed at how poorly the Justice Department has handled this affair. As a consumer, and an American, I feel really cheated.

P.S. I am hoping that there was no political motivation behind the handling of penalties. Whether or not the anti trust laws are an appropriate blockade to Microsoft's activities is for a judge to decide. Anybody working for the prosecution in this case who deliberately chose to pursue weaker remedies because they felt "no business should be hassled by the government" ought to be fired for not doing their job.